Mr. C. Kumara Das: Rs. 5000.

Mr. H. O. L. Marikar (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether Government will accept the manufactured goods given to the company when these are not sold?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: That will depend upon the state of the goods when returned.

Judges and appeal decisions.

90 ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of appeal cases heard within the last three years in the Zilla Courts of the State, the number of cases heard in each court and the arrears pending in each court?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A† statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Departmental test conducted by the Superintendent, Government Press.

91. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the Government have sanctioned the appointment of women compositors and the reasons for the Superintendent's not making any appointment till now;

(*b*) the number of women applicants for the said post;

(*c*) the number of candidates that appeared for the test;

(*d*) the number selected from among them;

(*e*) whether the decision that the lady in charge of the section need not sit for the examination was due to her being a graduate;

(*f*) whether those who had not even a week's practice in composing have also been included among the successful candidates;

(*g*) whether there are any complaints against the new appointments; and

(*h*) the reasons therefor?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) The entertainment of women compositors was sanctioned on 3rd February 1936 and they were appointed from 1-8-1111/14-3-1936.

(*b*) 62.

(*c*) 47.

(*d*) 16 Compositors and 2 Galley-Press Women.

(*e*) The lady in charge of the section was also asked to appear for the test, but she could not do so as she was laid up on that day. Subsequently she was taken on the strength of a certificate produced to the effect that she had undergone training in the various branches of printing in a private press.

† *Vide* Appendix No. III—page 466.

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Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 90.**

Statement showing the number of appeal cases heard and pending in the District Courts within the last three years.

Name of Court.	Bench.	No. of appeal cases heard.			No. of appeal cases pending.			Sessions and Civil Works.
		1108	1109	1110	1108	1109	1110	
Nagercoil District Court	I Bench	173	184	236	539	547	238	Sessions & Civil work.
	II Bench	361	254	301	294	281	276	Do.
	III Bench	..	..	154	..	..	200	
Trivandrum District Court	I Bench	177	165	156	236	226	223	Sessions & Civil work.
	II Bench	337	304	342	370	352	291	Do.
	III Bench	226	314	286	312	304	299	
Quilon District Court	I Bench	171	174	193	322	206	146	Sessions & Civil work.
	II Bench	377	341	393	449	243	184	
	III Bench	.	333	264	.	111	90	
Alleppey District Court	I Bench	242	203	212	109	134	91	Sessions & Civil work,
	II Bench	324	342	331	267	301	276	
Kottayam District Court	I Bench	221	163	138	69	83	89	
	II Bench	246	284	129	95	176	207	Sessions & Civil work.
	III Bench	307	167	131	166	57	29	Do.
Parur District Court		350	341	324	236	178	102	Sessions & Civil work,
Total		3,452	3,569	3,490	3,464	3,199	2,741	

Total number of appeal cases heard within the last three years in the District Courts. 10,611.